



Quality is Our Bottom Line

Public Health Committee Public Hearing

Monday, February 23, 2015

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony in Opposition to

HB 5323 AAC Acquisition of Physician Practices by Insurers

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully opposes HB 5323 AAC Acquisition of Physician Practices by Insurers.

Passage of the Affordable Care Act has encouraged all health care entities to think differently about the system and to look towards an integrated delivery structure. To the extent that insurers may be looking at the affiliations contemplated by the bill, we would request that the Committee consider that:

- If/when any of these types of arrangements come to fruition, they would be reflective of a mutually agreed-upon contract between two private parties;
- It may be that such arrangements are contemplated as a way to assist practices that may be struggling;
- As such, an additional administrative requirement may impede a much needed investment of capital that supports maintaining access to critical health care services.

We urge your rejection of HB 5323.